GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF CHILLY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

he quantum of Chillies produced during each of the last two years in the country, State-wise; and the steps taken to increase the production of chillies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

A statement showing the state-wise and all-India production during 1997-98 and 1998-99 is annexed. The production of chillies has resisted a long term upward trend, albeit with fluctuations. Its production was 5.09 lakh tonnes in 1980-81 which increased to 9.21 lakh tonnes in 1998-99.

To increase production of spices including chillies, `Integrated Programme for Development of Spices` is being implemented during Ninth Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs.146.48 crores. From the year 2000-01, the scheme has been subsumed under the scheme `Macro-Management in Agriculture − Supplementation and Complementation of States` Efforts through Work Plans`.

Annexure

State-wise Production of Chillies during 1997-98 & 1998-99 (Production `000` Tonnes)

STATE	1997-98	1998-99
ANDHRA PRADESH	338.3	403.3
ASSAM	9.5	9.7
BIHAR (including Jharkhand)	4.5	4.7
GUJARAT	21.3	18.2
HARYANA	2.2	1.5
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0.3	0.3
JAMMU & KASHMIR	0.4	0.6
KARNATAKA	130.8	142.6
KERALA	0.6	0.6
MADHYA PRADESH (including Chattisgarh)	23.7	19.7
MAHARASHTRA	60.8	57.7
ORISSA	72.4	76.6
PUNJAB	8.0	8.0
RAJASTHAN	66.4	49.2
TAMIL NADU	42.4	39.7
UTTAR PRADESH (including Uttranchal)	17.1	15.5
WEST BENGAL	55.6	51.3
OTHERS	15.8	22.1
ALL INDIA	870.1	921.3